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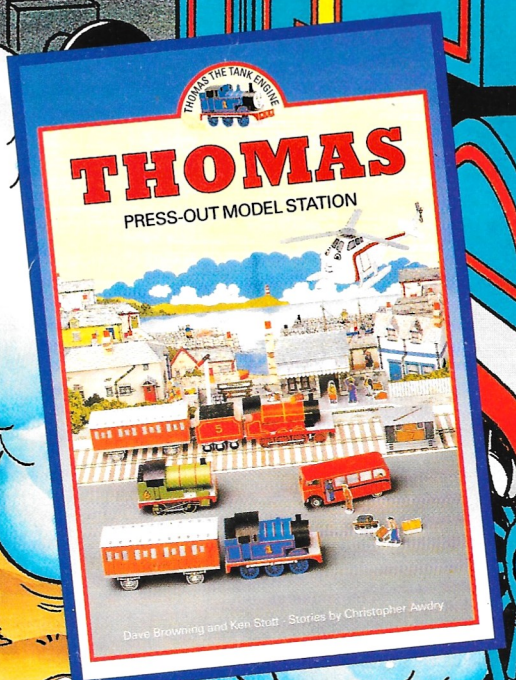

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THIS ISSUE'S COMPETITION!

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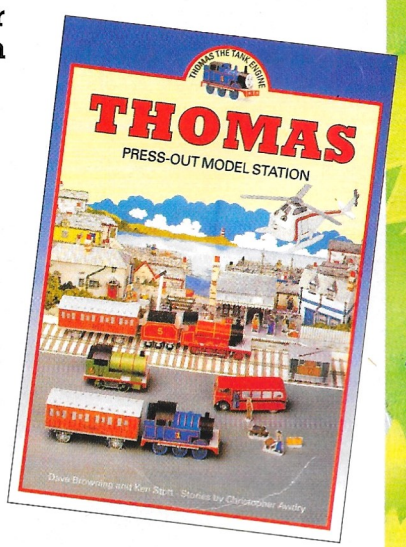

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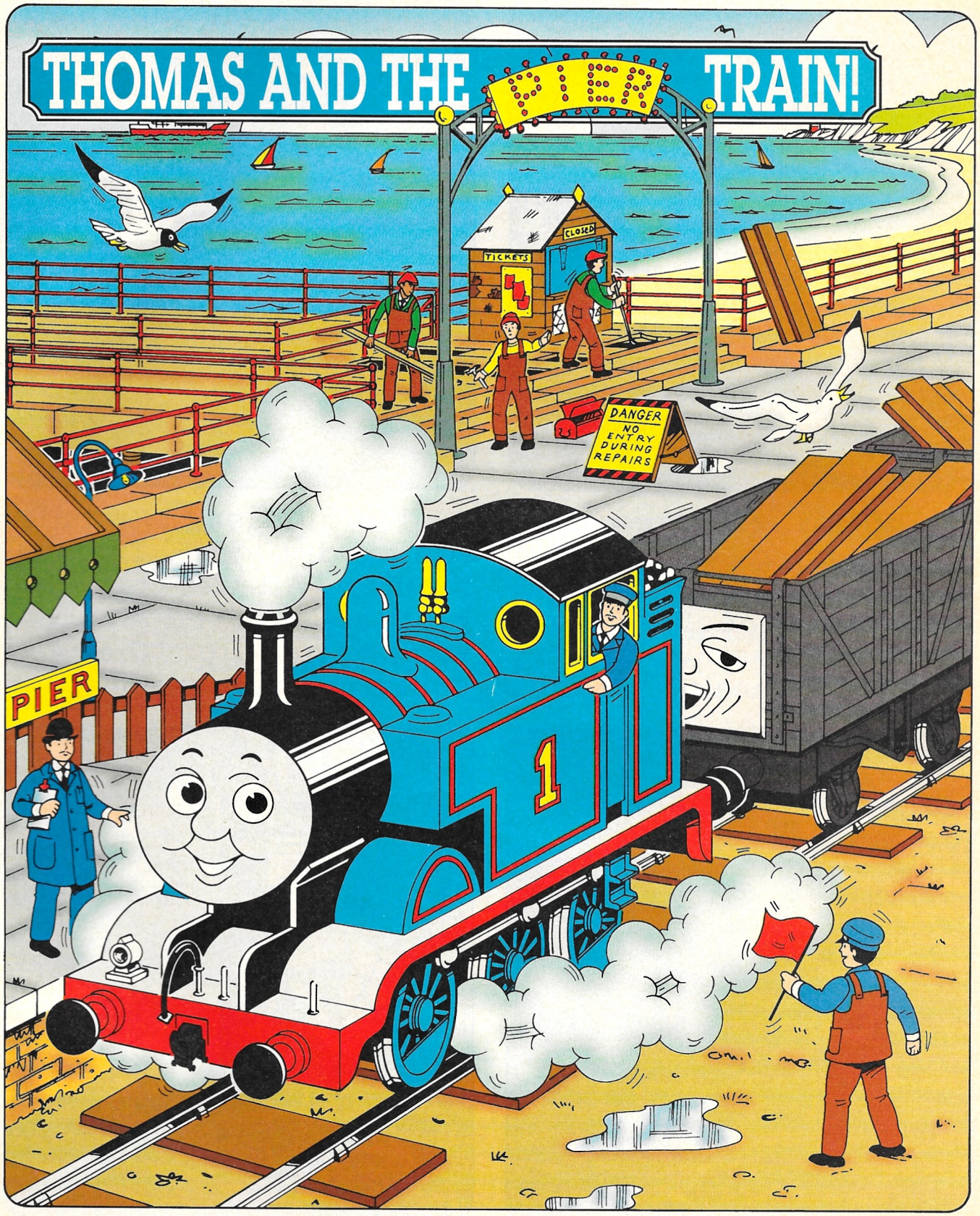
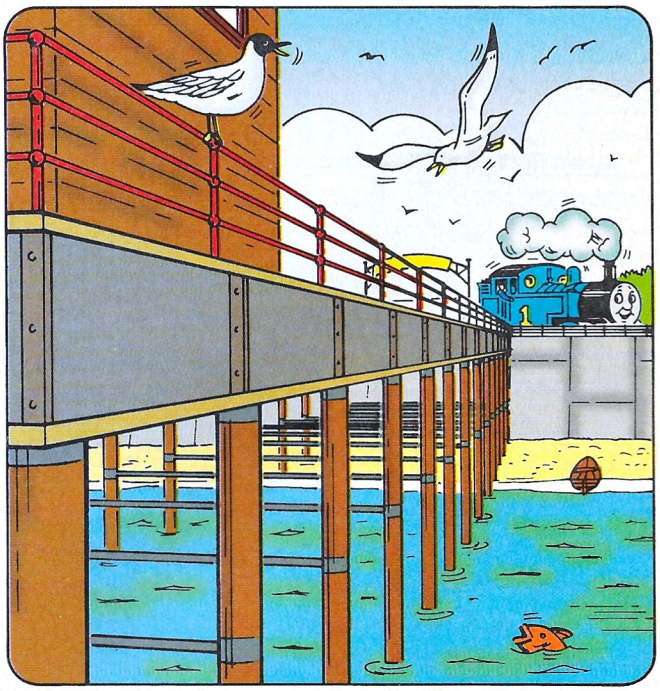
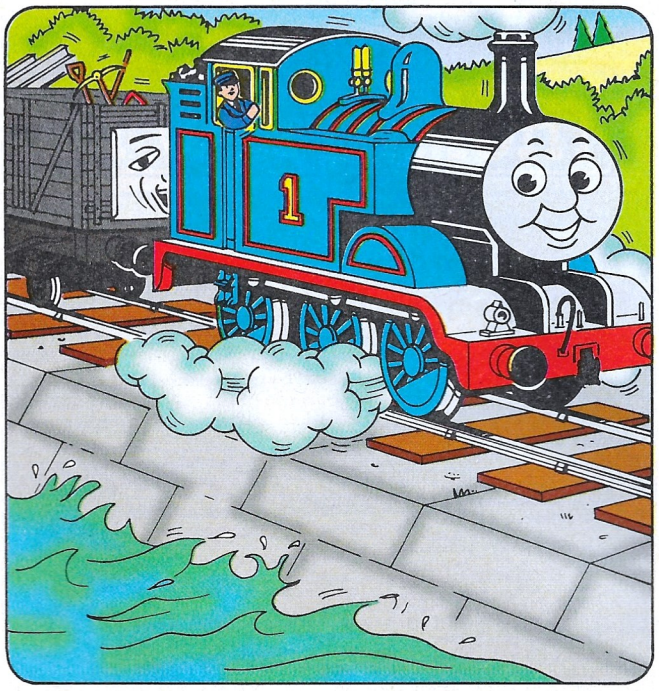


1. On a sunny day, Thomas enjoyed nothing more than pulling Annie and Clarabel along the seaside line, packed with trippers bound for the fine, sandy beach.

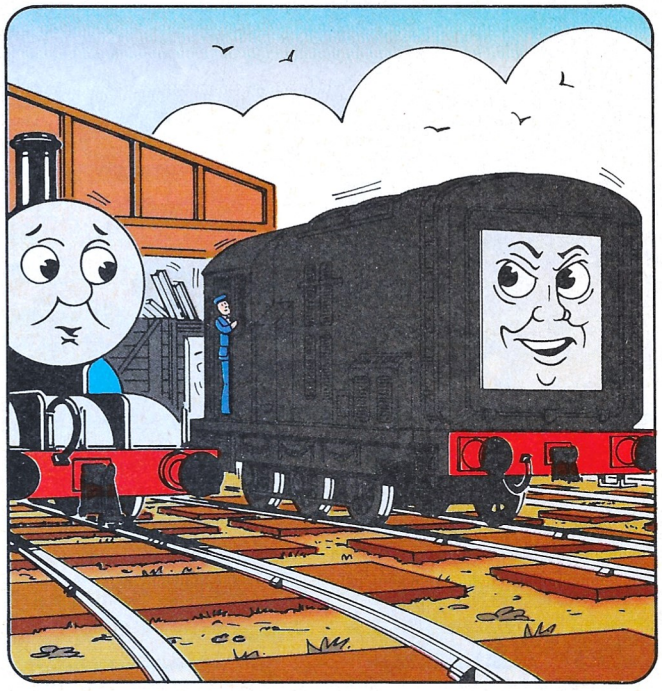
2. But this time, instead of passengers. Thomas was taking some supplies to the pier. "Workmen are making it stronger and longer!" his driver explained.



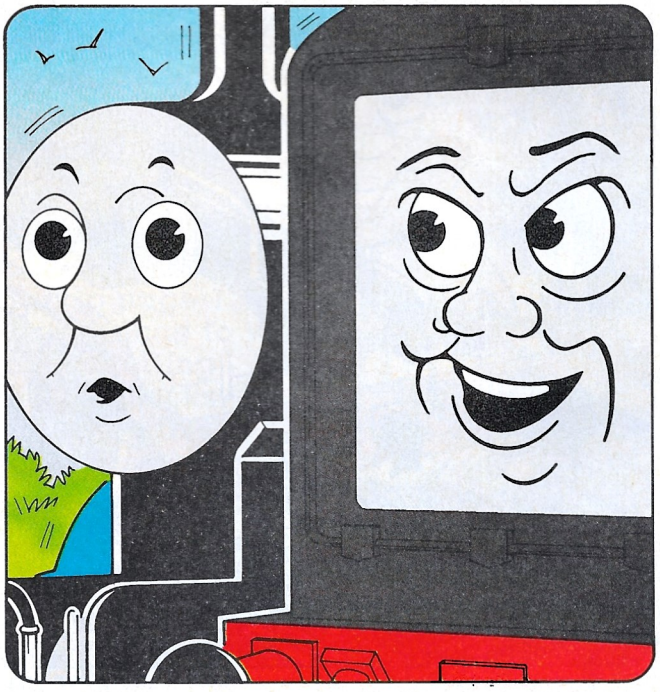
3. Thomas wondered why. To him, the pier stretched a very long way out to sea already. "I wouldn't want those waves washing under my wheels!" he said.



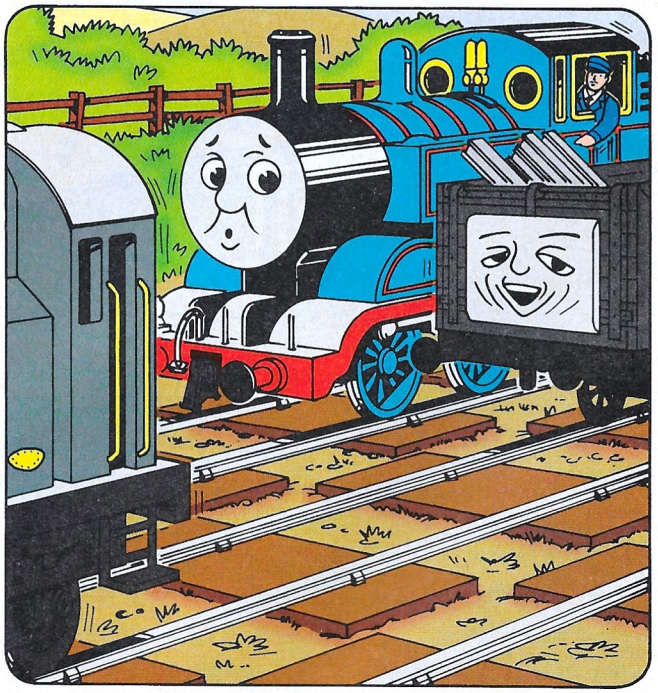
4. "I'm glad engines only run on dry land!" Thomas thought. All week, as the builders worked on, he went to and from the pier delivering more supplies.



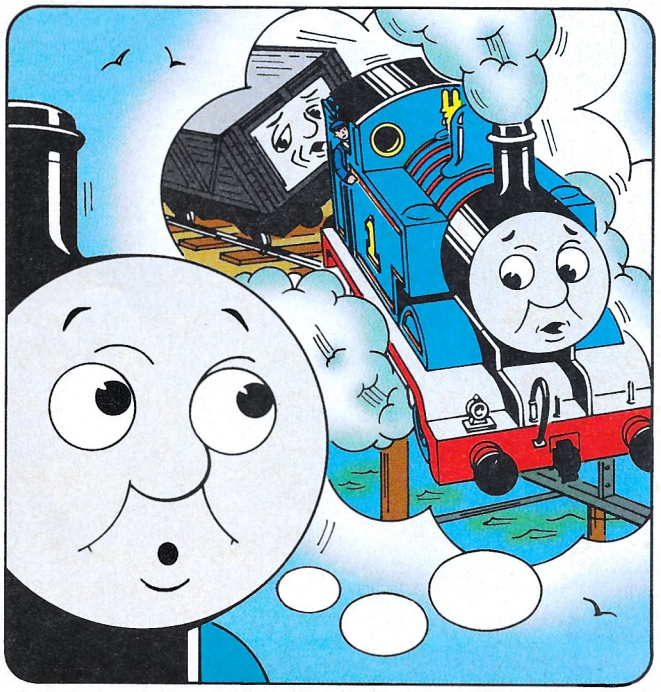
5. Then one day, in the Main Station yard, Diesel brought Thomas some trucks loaded with rails. "These are for the pier too," he said, in his oily voice.



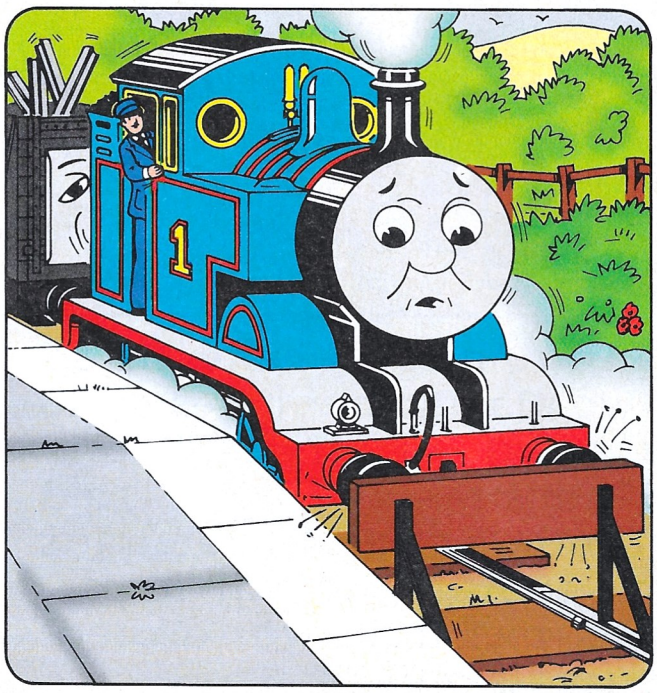
6. Thomas was puzzled. "I don't understand! Why are rails needed?" he gasped. "There isn't a train on the pier!" "There soon will be!" hissed Diesel.



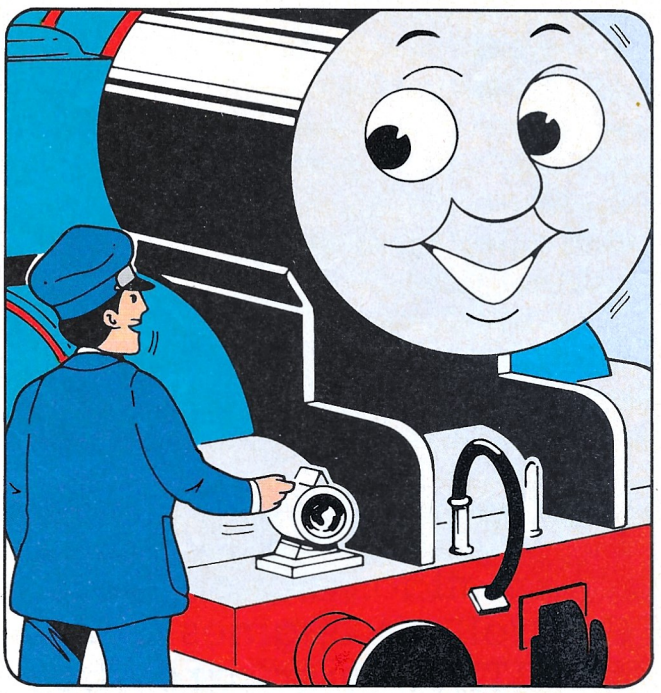
7. "I overheard the Fat Controller talking about it," he added. "Perhaps he meant you, Thomas!" Diesel raced off, leaving Thomas feeling very shocked.



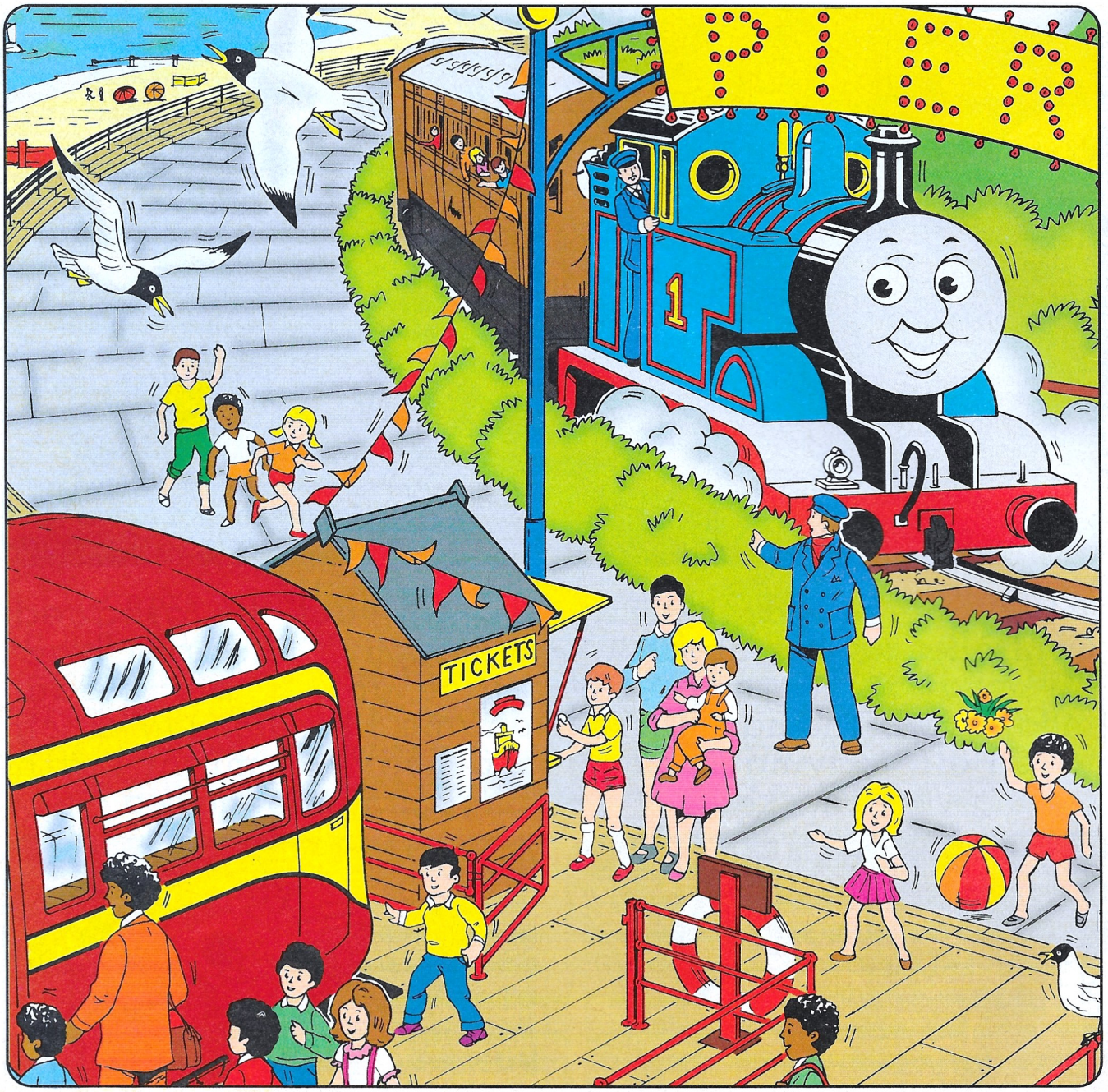
8. "Oh, no!" he groaned unhappily. "That pier is no place for a big steam engine like me. I'm much too heavy. I might crash through it into the sea."



9. Thomas was so worried he bumped the buffers when he pulled into the station beside the pier. "Look out, Thomas!" called his driver. "What's wrong?"



10. "I don't want to be a pier train, that's what!" said Thomas. "The rails inside my trucks are for a train, aren't they?" "Yes, but not for you!" his driver smiled.



11. How relieved Thomas was! "Diesel was trying to frighten me!" said Thomas. As the rails were unloaded he could see now they were too small for any of the Fat Controller's engines to run on. "Then who are they meant for?" wondered Thomas, setting off for the Big Harbour where he was coupled to a flat truck.

12. A huge crane lifted two electric carriages on to the flat truck from a ship. "That's the pier train," said Thomas's driver. Thomas delivered the carriages. The pier train was a great success and Thomas began taking more holidaymakers than ever to the seaside to ride on it. Not that he minded one bit.

THE END!

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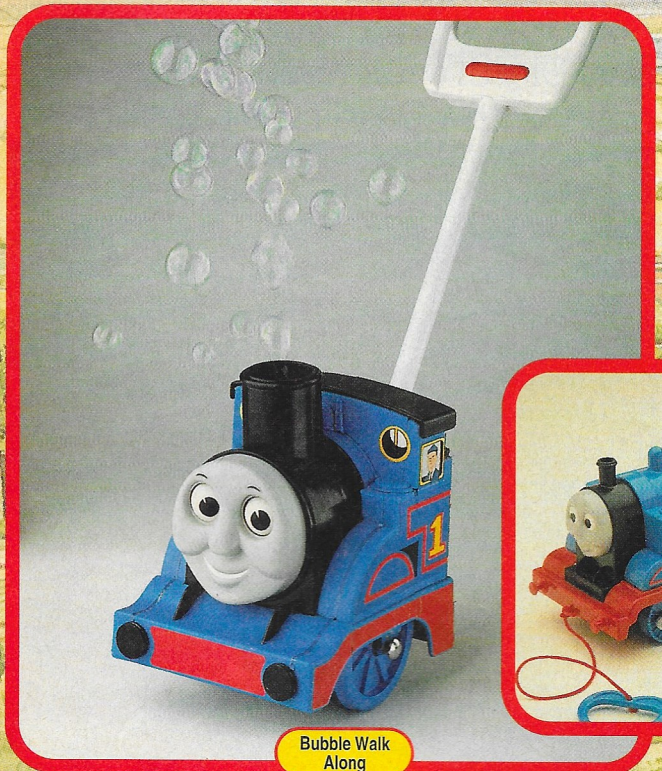

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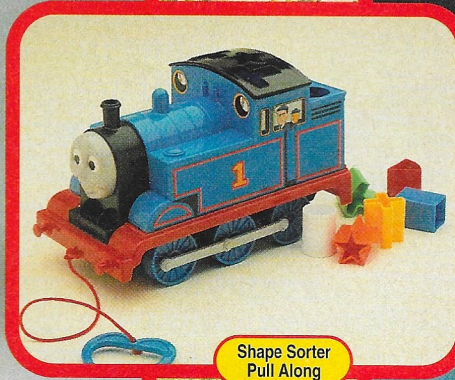

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DUCK AND DIESEL!

The weather on the Island of Sodor had suddenly taken a turn for the worse. Dark clouds swept across the sky, blotting out the sun.

Duck was told he must shunt trucks with Diesel in the Main Station yard.

"The sooner we start, the sooner we'll finish," said Duck. "It's going to rain."

Just then Diesel began to leak oil on to the track and his driver went to tell the Fat Controller.

"He'd better go straight to the Works for a check-up," frowned the Fat Controller. "Duck will have to carry on alone because I can't spare any of the other engines."

Duck was cross.

"It's not fair!" he huffed. "It will take me twice as long now and I just felt the first spots of rain!"

"Stop complaining," hissed Diesel in his oily voice. "I thought Ducks liked water!"

"Very funny!" fumed Duck as Diesel rolled away, laughing nastily.

He reached the shelter of the Works just as the downpour began. Meanwhile, Duck splish-splashed about the yard, getting wetter and wetter.

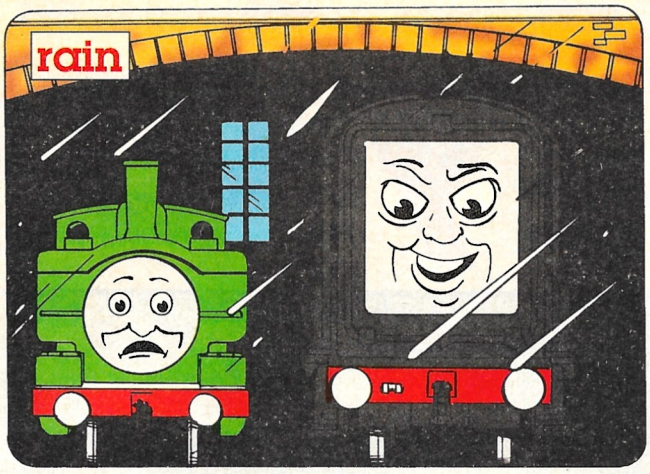
"Brr!" he shivered miserably as big, cold raindrops fell into his funnel.

Lucky Diesel stayed warm and dry in the Works until his oil leak was repaired. By then, the rain had stopped and it was late in the day so he rolled outside and went to the engine shed for the night.

Poor Duck was the last engine to finish work. Dripping wet, he puffed wearily into the shed and pulled up alongside Diesel.

"You look washed out!" sneered Diesel, unkindly. But Duck was too tired to reply.

Next day started bright and sunny. Diesel was feeling very pleased with himself for missing



the rain. Soon he set off to the Big Harbour to fetch some coal supplies arriving by ship from the mainland.

He sped downhill then around a bend in the track, into a cutting.

Suddenly, Diesel stared in horror at a sheet of water lying across the line, from a nearby brook that had overflowed. Diesel tried to slow down but was too late! He splashed right through the huge puddle, showering himself with icy water.

"Grooh! Heeelp!" he spluttered.

Diesel was soaked but he was too busy to stop until he reached the Harbour yard. Water dripped off him from his cab to his buffers.

That evening in the engine shed, Duck heard Diesel sniffing.

"I hope you haven't a cold coming?" said Duck.

"Pah, nonsense!" said Diesel, who would not tell Duck what really happened.

THE END!

Kite flying

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What colour is he?
What type of engine is he?
Point to the driver!

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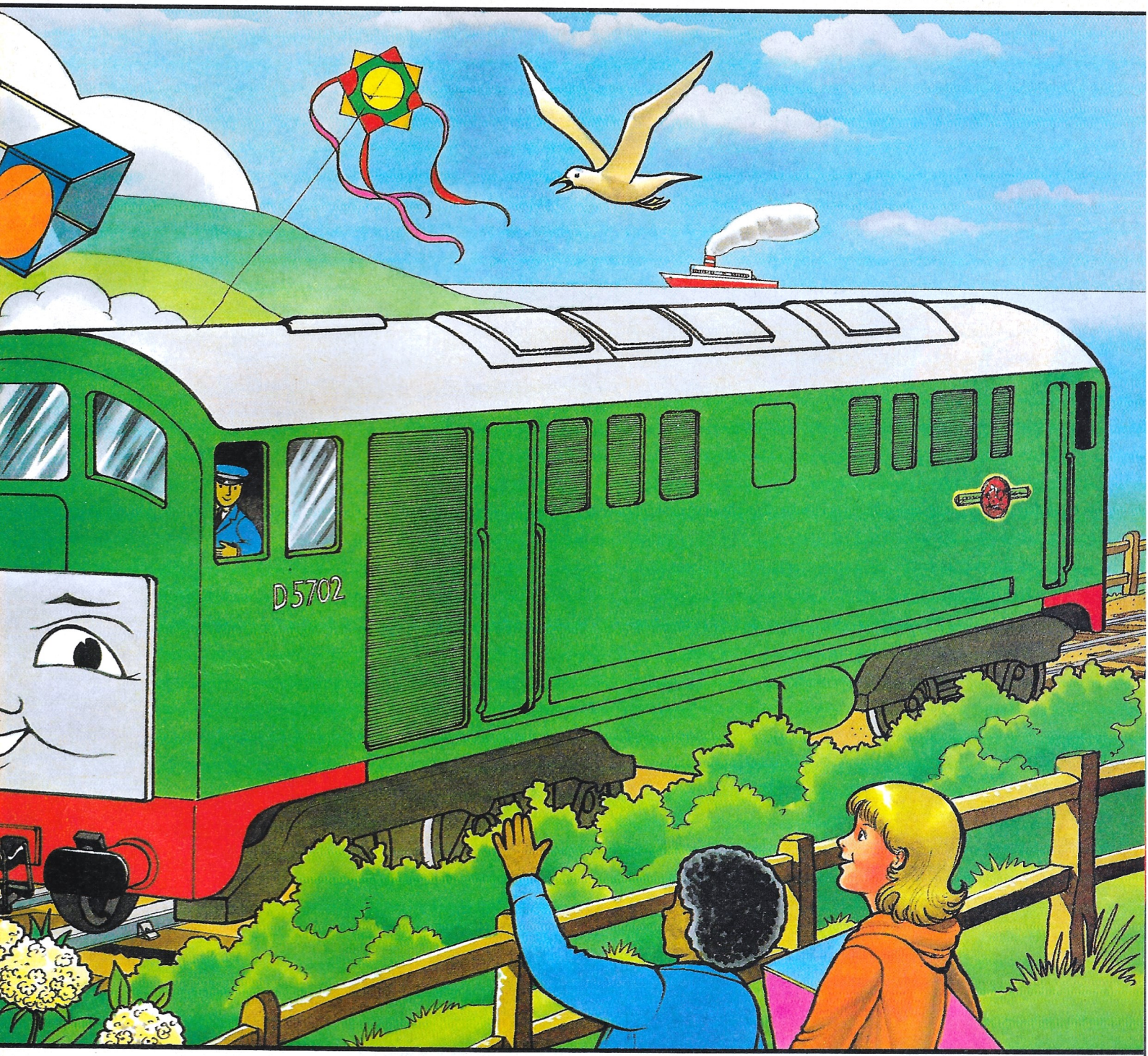

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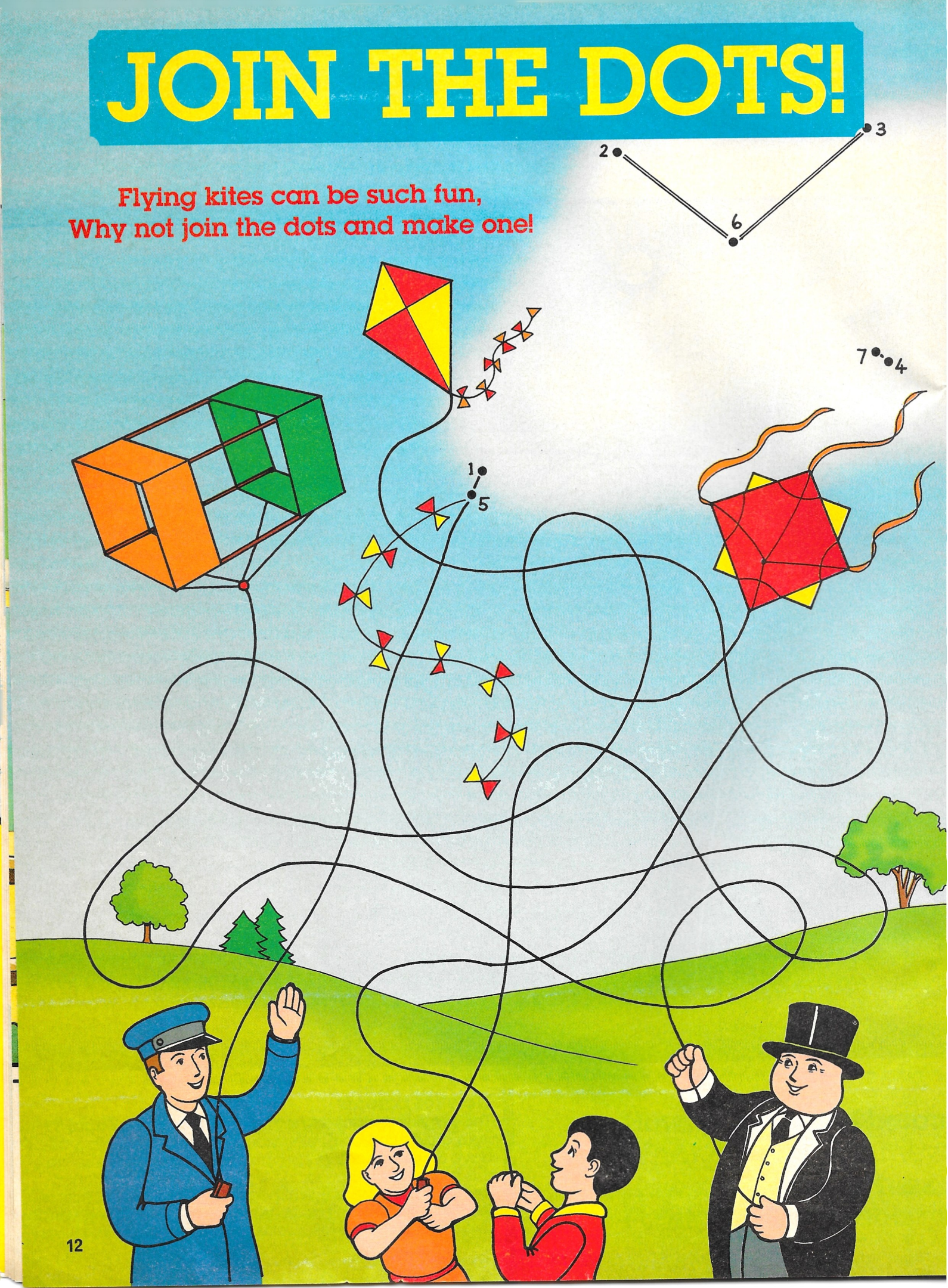
In our next issue: Past the Pier!

JOIN THE DOTS!

Flying kites can be such fun,
Why not join the dots and make one!



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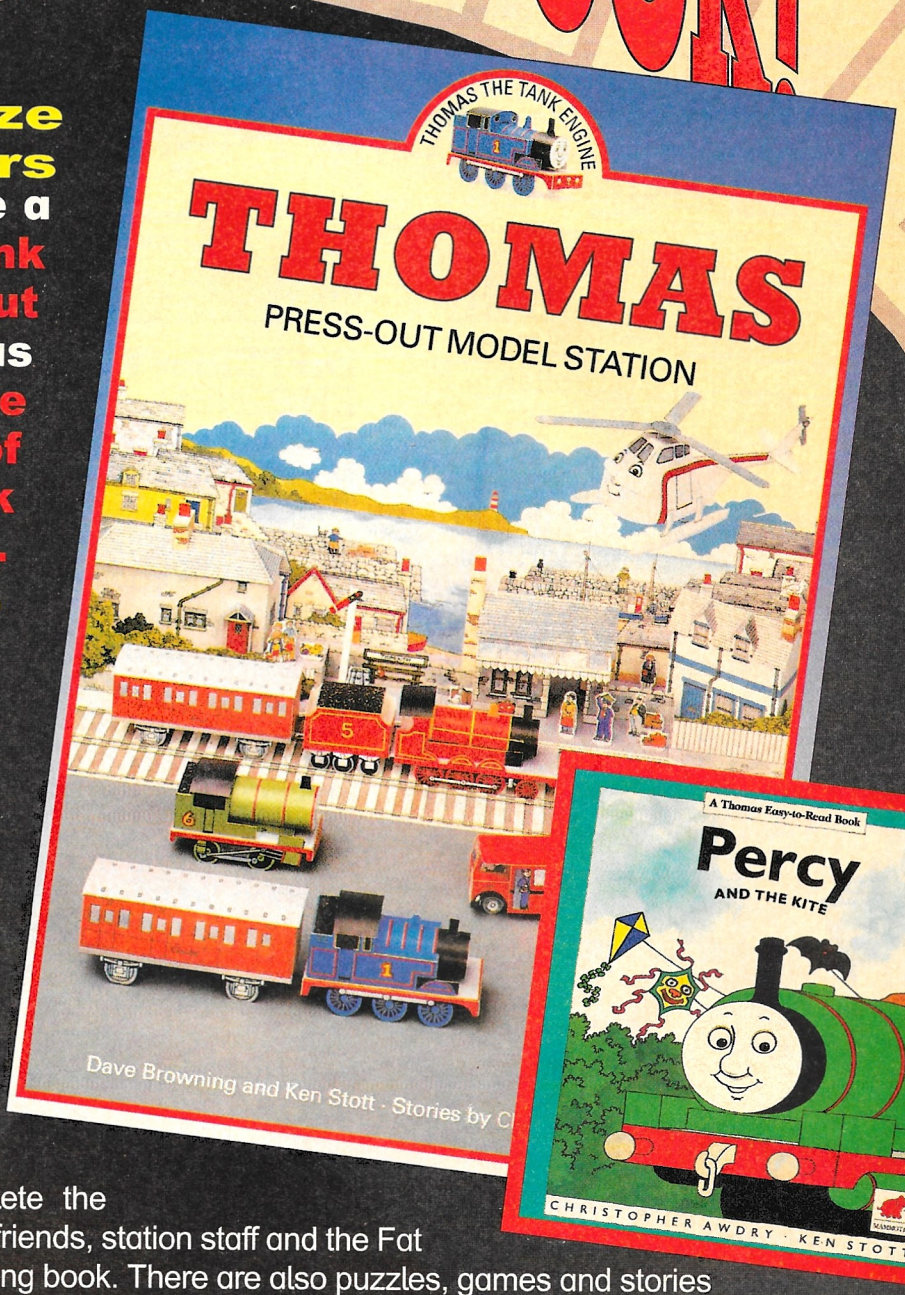

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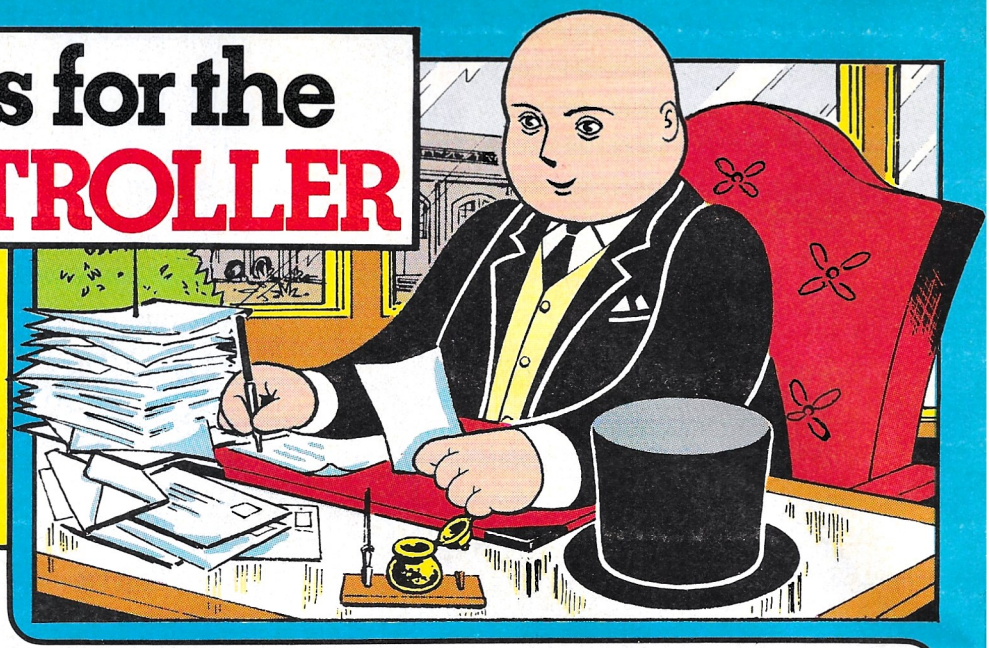

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER

'THE LONGEST JOURNEY'

Dear Fat Controller,
In one of my books called **"Classic Thomas the Tank Engine Stories"**, there is a map of the Island of Sodor. Can you tell me how long it would take Thomas to travel from Knapford to Barrow?

Love from **Adam Palmer**, aged 2.

Thomas's journey from Knapford to Barrow covers a distance of about forty miles and passes through Wellsworth, Gordon's Hill, and Henry's tunnel. There are many signal stops too. It may take Thomas between one and two hours to complete this journey!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win some splendid **Thomas Pre-school** toys courtesy of *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

DIFFERENT ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Thomas! How can you tell the difference between Gordon and Thomas?

Love from **Joshua Rombout**, aged 5.

Gordon was built with eighteen wheels and developed as an Express Engine. Thomas came from the London Brighton and South Coast Railway. He is a shorter tank engine with six wheels. Thomas is No. 1 while Gordon is No. 4!

FAMOUS ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My grandpa Peter used to be a fireman on the "Flying Scotsman". Is the "Flying Scotsman" bigger than Henry?

Love from **William Cowell**, aged 2.

Yes, it is true! Gordon the Express Engine's design is based on the "Flying Scotsman". Both models have more front and back wheels than Henry. However, Henry is still a very powerful engine indeed.

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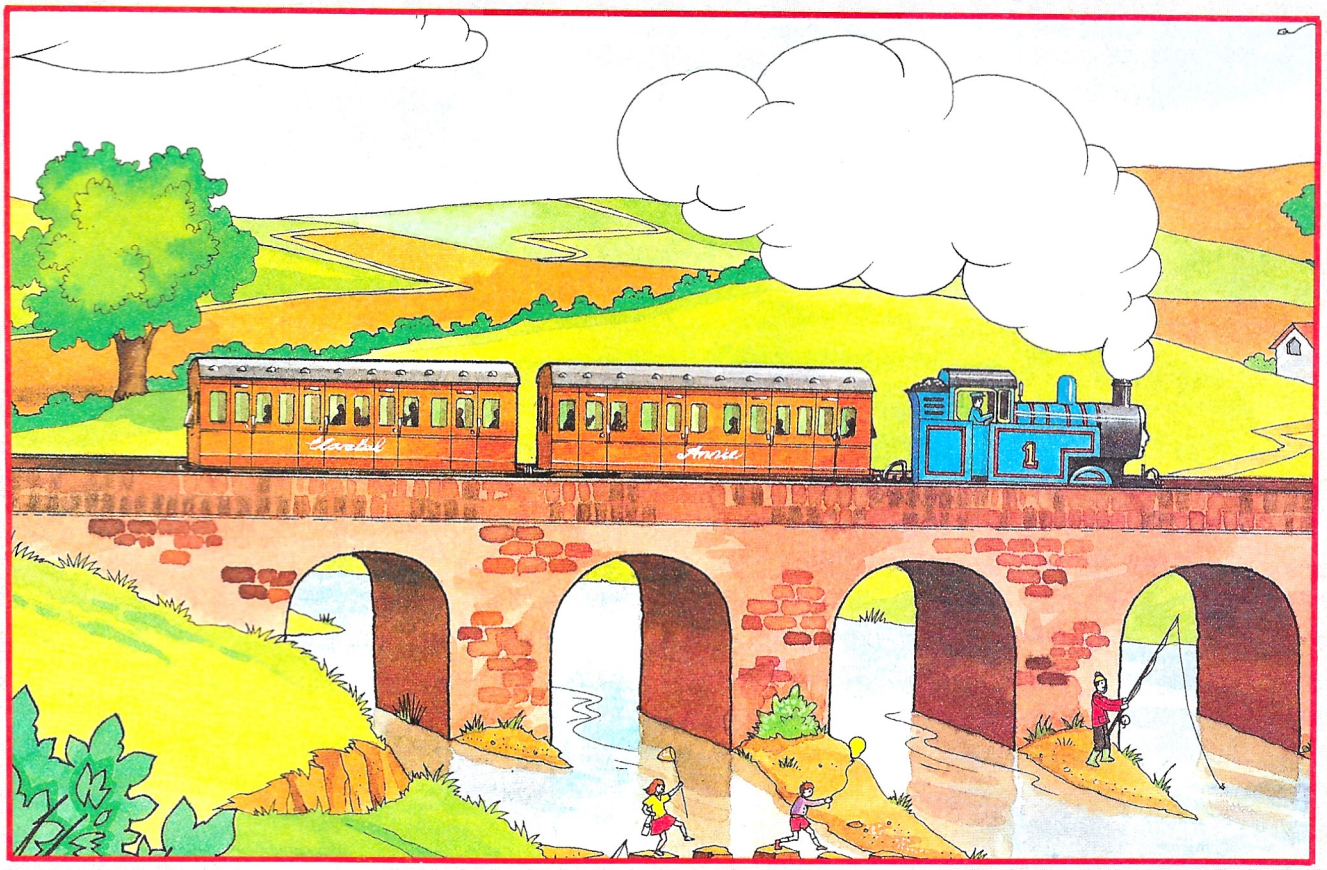

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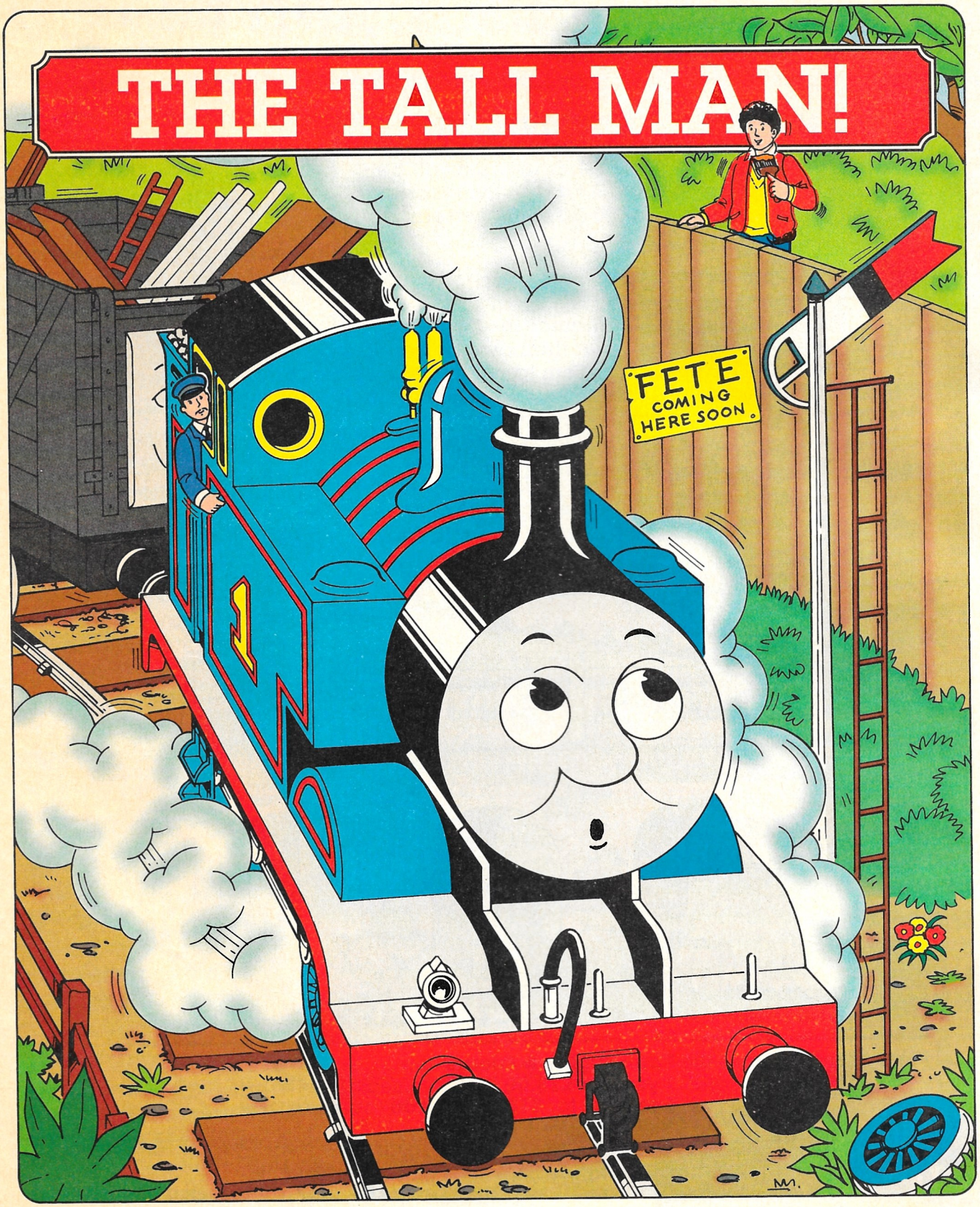
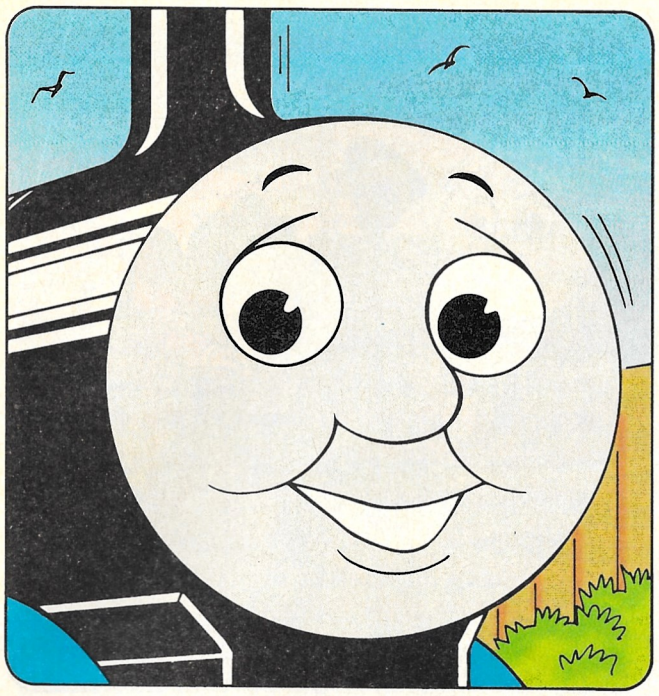
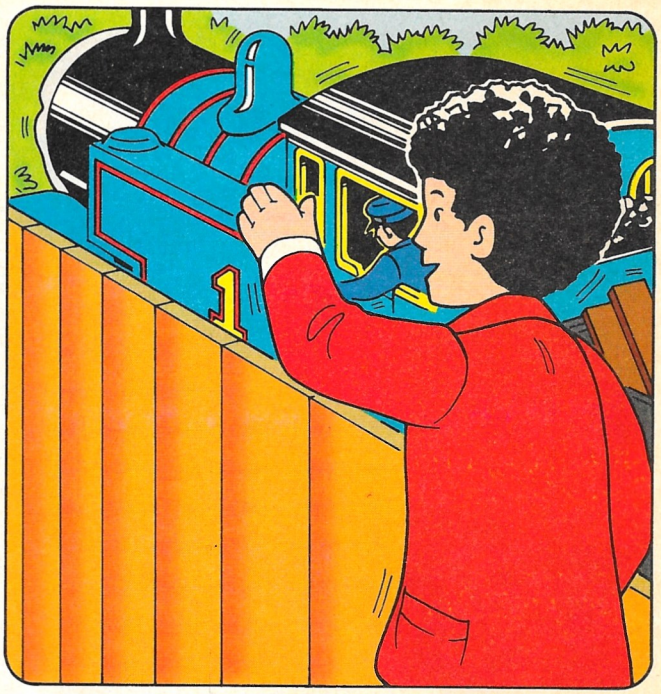


1. It was the day before a grand fête on the Island of Sodor. Thomas could hardly wait as he would be pulling the 'Fête Special' to help deliver visitors.

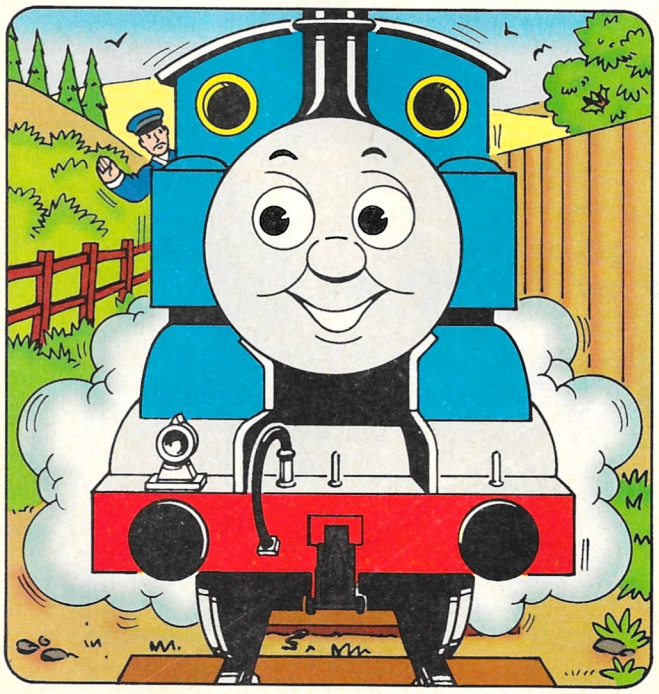
2. "How exciting!" thought Thomas, puffing along his branch line. He soon pulled up at a signal. Nearby, was the tallest man Thomas had ever seen in his life.



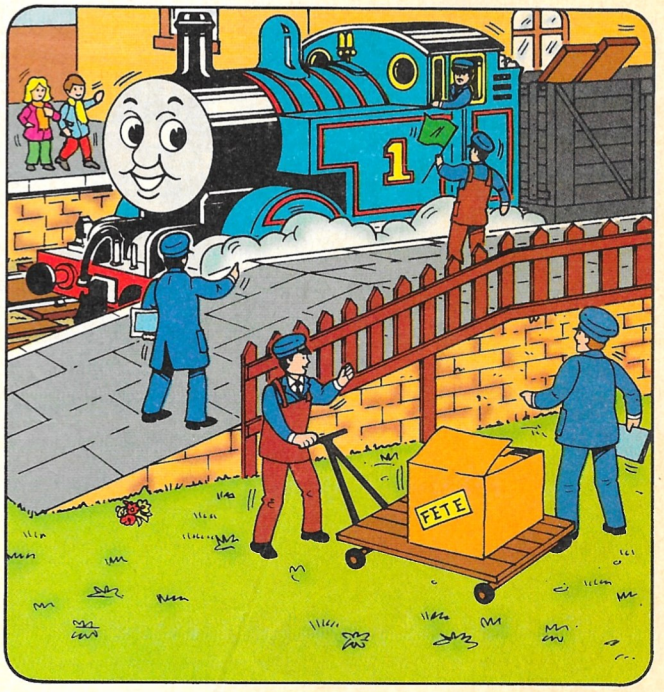
3. "Smoke and fire!" Thomas gasped. He could barely believe his eyes. The tall man was on the other side of a very high fence which he was busily painting.



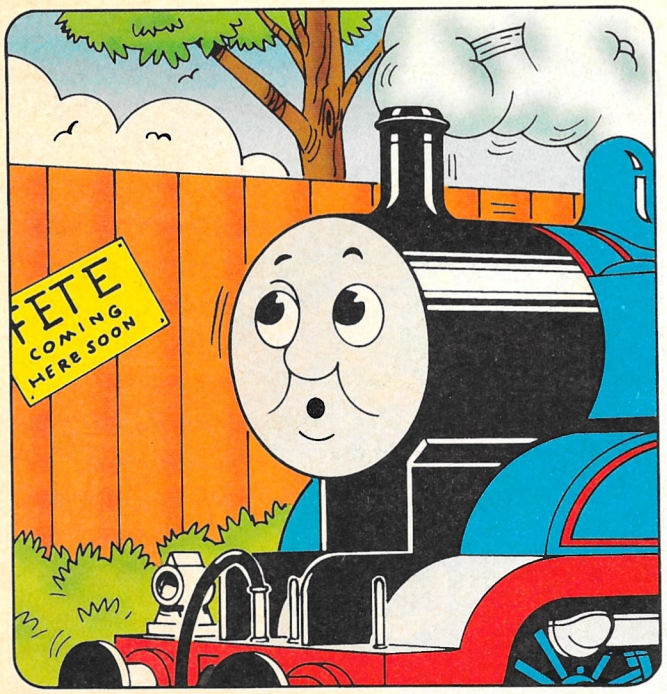
4. "He must be standing on some steps," laughed Thomas's driver. "He can't be!" cried Thomas. "Look! The tall man's walking. He's waving at me, too!"



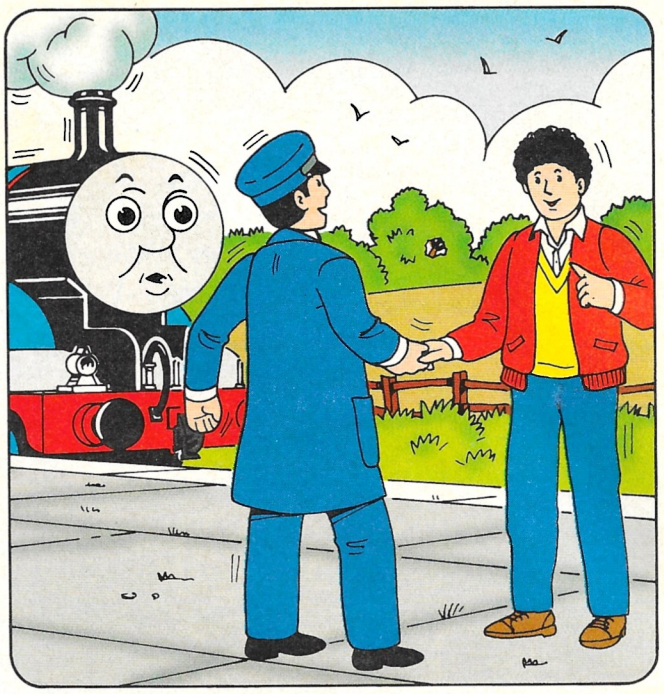
5. Thomas's driver was very puzzled. "There must be a simple answer," he replied. "I'll ask him!" But the signal changed and Thomas steamed on his way.



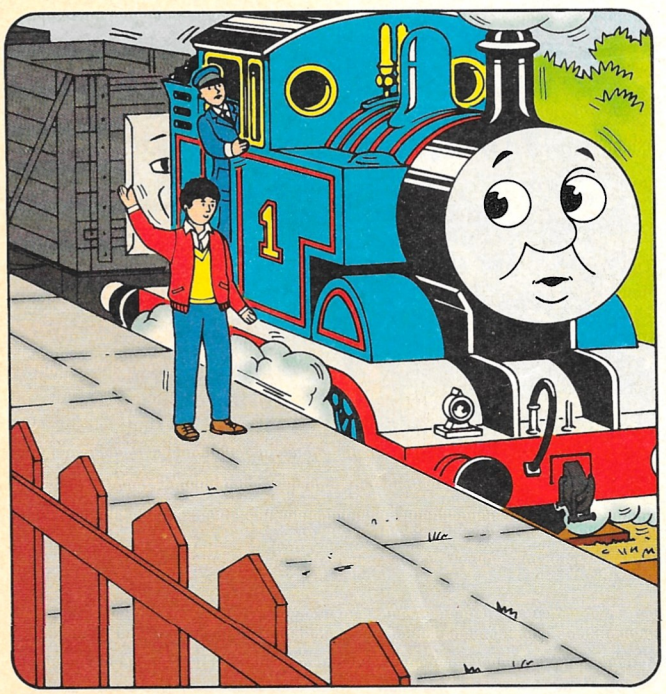
6. Thomas was delivering equipment for the fête to a station. Everything was unloaded and taken to a field near the track where the fête was to be held.



7. Thomas was eager to set off down the line again. At last he got underway. But when he passed the painted fence, the tall man was nowhere to be seen.



8. Imagine how surprised Thomas was to spot him at the next station. As Thomas steamed through, he noticed the Stationmaster talking to the man.



9. Thomas was shocked. "What's happened to him?" he cried. "He's no taller than anyone else now! I don't understand!" The man waved to Thomas once more.

10. Next morning as Thomas pulled Annie and Clarabel, packed with passengers going to the fête, he was still wondering about the tall man mystery.

11. But it would soon be solved! As Thomas rolled, into the station near the fête, a big brass band was playing, and who should be striding about like a friendly giant to welcome everyone but the tall man! He wore colourful clothes and gave out lots of balloons to all the children. "Welcome to the fête!" he called.

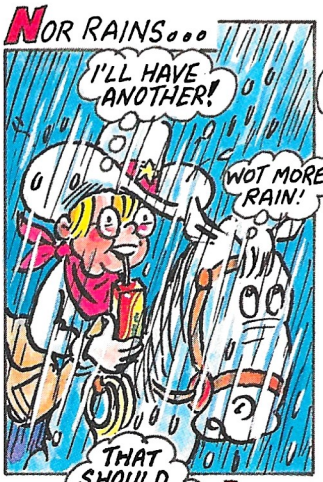
12. "Oh! He's on stilts!" Thomas's driver laughed. "When we first saw him yesterday he must have been on them to paint that high fence!" "And to practise for the fête at the same time!" grinned Thomas. "Peep! Peep!" he whistled at the tall man, who smiled. "He's nearly as tall as an engine!" **THE END!**

In our next issue: Rootin, tootin, Thomas!

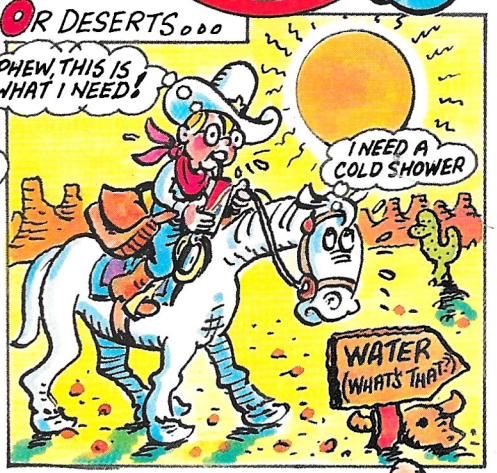
THE ADVENTURES OF THE Milkybar® Kid

THE **MILKYBAR** KID IS DELIVERING A PACK OF SPECIAL DRINKS TO HIS RANCH!... STORMS WON'T STOP HIM...

NOR RAINS...



OR DESERTS...

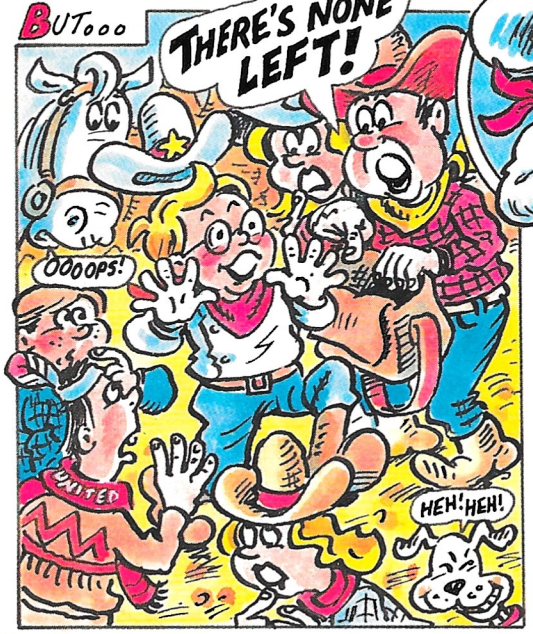


OR WILD ANIMALS...

OR OUTLAWS...

AND HE DELIVERS THE VERY SPECIAL PACK...

BUT...



BUT PARDNERS, THERE'S PLENTY IN YOUR LOCAL STORE NOW! TRY MY NEW **MILKYBAR** DRINK - ALL THE GOOD TASTE OF **MILKYBAR** IN A DRINK!

Milkybar® DRINK STETSON HAT OFFER

Only real cowboys and cowgirls wear stetson hats like mine which is why all my pardners should have one. Collect just 10 special stetson hat tokens from packs of **Milkybar** Drink *(you will find the tokens on the top side tabs)* and complete the application form below. Send the completed application form with your tokens to the address indicated.

Send to: The Milkybar Drink Stetson Hat Offer, P.O. Box 125, Uckfield X, East Sussex TN22 5UZ.

I enclose ..... stetson tokens from packs of **Milkybar** Drink, please send me ..... stetson hat(s).

Name _____

Address _____

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Town _____

County _____ Postcode ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐

(For children under 14 years old)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION IS 30th NOVEMBER 1994.

Conditions of Offer

Offer open to all residents of the UK and limited to two stetson hats per household. Applications from children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian's signature.

For each stetson hat ordered, 10 stetson tokens from packs of **Milkybar** Drink are required. Responsibility will not be accepted for applications lost, delayed, mislaid or damaged. Proof of posting does not constitute proof of delivery. Bulk applications from the trade or any consumer group or any third party cannot be accepted. Please allow 28 days for delivery from receipt of application.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 30th November 1994.

Promoter: Nestlé UK Ltd., St. George's House, Croydon, Surrey CR9 1NR.

Please direct any enquiries relating to this promotion to: The **Milkybar** Kid Stetson Hat Offer, PO Box 125, Uckfield X, East Sussex TN22 5UZ.